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Lumber-Paul Golden-

In 1923 Paul Golden the owner of a Department store in Marlinton W. Va. and the owner of a Circular Saw Mill bought a boundary of land from A.E and Pearl Harouff and Elmer and Icy Heaster daughter of Lucy Myers and was part of the Armstrong place on Dry Creek and contained 108 acres and Golden paid \$2,400.00 for the land and timber, this land was sold by S.H Rucker a lawyer of Marlinton as special commissioner.

The mill was set on this farm just above the residence of Cameron L Armstrong and not far from the line between the Old Armstrong Place and the Wash Beverage farm now owned by Joseph Beverage. The Old Armstrong house was used as a camp and the horses were kept at ~~the old Armstrong barn.~~ ~~for the horses~~ just ~~above the residence~~. Golden did his own skidding as he had 4 teams but hired William O Ruckman of near Millpoint to skid by the day this made 5 teams skidding at this operation.

Clark Wooddell of near Marlinton contracted the cutting of the timber, Edd Hodges Of near Lobelia, Wayne Jackson of Buckeye and Bert Roberts of Marlinton sawed on the mill at different times during this operation on Dry Creek and upon completion they had out around 900,000 feet of mixed lumber as this section has both Red and White Oak as well as Chestnut, Ash, Poplar and other trees found in this section of the country.

This operation worked for a period of about a year and finished up the lumber was wagoned to Buckete and there loaded on cars of the C & O for shipment. Upon completion the lumber was all moved out but the mill set here for about 2 years before it was sold by Golden and moved away.

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Chapter 7 Commerce And Industry Pocahontas Co.

Smith And Howard

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In 1904 L.N Smith and J.L Howard of Pennsylvania came to pocahontas County and bought the timber from 267 acres from Clawson Mcneill of Marlinton the deed signed June 22/04 by N.Clawson Mcneill Frankie Mcneill, Charlotte Pennell and Joseph Pennell her husband all but the former of Buckeye, they paid \$3498.00 this was mostly hardwood but they cut some soft wood namely Chestnut and Hemlock.

They had two sets one near the residence of James F. Auldridge the other set in the Kellison Hollow then owned by Luther Kellison and now owned by A.G. Killingsworth and Gilbert Wilfong about one mile South of Buckeye, about 3 million feet was cut on this farm.

Smith and Howard had a new circular mill that required nine men to operate, the cutting and skidding was contracted to different people but Luther Kellison did most of the skidding, they paid \$2.50 for day labor, \$1.50 for cutting and \$5.00 for skidding.

They started operation in 1904 sawed until 1905 ran in to difficulty and sold out to O.J. Blanchard, A.D. Neil and R.A. McDonald of Flkins W.Va. they received \$8000.00 for the mill machinery and the timber that they had not operated, Mr. Howard was sawyer and when they sold out he was employed by the new owners to continue with the sawing, a tram road was built up the Kellison Hollow the log(cars or trucks) were pulled up the grade by horses loaded with logs and let run or drift to the mill.

Most of the lumber was shipped to Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The boundary was bounded by the following farms Jasper Auldridge and now owned by C.A. Young, Claybourne Morrison, James F. Auldridge and Luther Kellison the latter farm now owned by Gilbert Wilfong and A.G. Killingsworth.

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A small boarding house was built to take care of the workmen outside of this there was no added growth to this part of Buckeye community save for the small payroll, this operation went out unnoticed, they finished up in 1906 all lumber was shipped out and the mill and all machinery moved out of the county.

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